

but her chic suede coat
& model-girl headscarf
were not "you."

tricked into remembering you
i conclude that i would not
want you for a lover
again.
not now.
yet i could desire this twin
of yours opposite me
on the train.

she looks like the picture
i had of you
before i knew you were
nothing like
the way i thought you looked.

Stockholm,
2/13/74

-- Allan Burgis

London, England

WHEN HE TRIED TO KISS ME IT WAS LIKE SOMEONE PRESSING
THEIR FINGER INSIDE YOUR NOSE

not that it
didn't fit
or that any
skin was
made bloody

it didn't
knock any
teeth out

seemed as un
threatening
as a finger
in yr nose

and about
that romantic

GEORGIA O'KEEFE

he would photograph
me with a glass plate

you had to stay
still not
move 3 minutes

you'd itch here
and here and

here down

there you don't know
how many places
you could itch in